ELL PARENTS Q&A

Q: Do parents have to have a birth certificate or passport to enroll a child in school? **A:** By law, students who are undocumented may not be denied admission to school and they are not required to present documentation of immigration status or US residency.

Q: What if parents don't meet the immunization requirements for their child's school enrollment?

A: Children who do not meet these requirements may be admitted provisionally with a plan to complete the doses in the vaccination schedule. Complete information on the steps for enrollment and application for grades Prekindergarten and Kindergarten is

Q: Where can parents locate a translator to interpret for their school visits? **A:** School can provide this service but it should be requested in advance.

Q: What is the difference between Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) and Dual Language programs?

A: TBE programs group students of one common home language, and use that language to help students develop subject matter and language skills as they learn English. As students develop English language skills, instructional time in the native language decreases and instructional time in English increases. Once a TBE student is proficient in English, he or she transitions to an all-English class. In Dual Language programs, students of one home language and monolingual English or English proficient students are grouped together and taught in both languages. ELLs remain in the program even after they become proficient in English.

Q: Where can ELL parents get more information about free ESL classes? **A:** Contact your school/ district for programs.

Q: Where can parents find out more information on US Citizenship classes?

A: Several sites can offer assistance, including:

- http://uscis.gov/graphics/citizenship/index.htm
- http://www.queenslibrary.org/programs/nap/links/citzprep.htm

Q: How can parents find out where to get health insurance for their family? **A:** Contact your school/ district for programs.